

Tips for Collecting Kitchen Scraps

For convenience, keep a container in or near your kitchen to collect kitchen scraps. Empty this container into your yard cart as needed.

Possible containers:

- countertop kitchen scrap containers. Visit www.composters.com/kingcounty for discounts on containers.
 - green compostable kitchen bags are widely available. Visit www.recyclefood.com for retail locations in your community.
 - used paper bags (fill and put in cart.)
 - reusable plastic or metal container with a tight fitting lid. **Do not put plastic of any kind in your cart.**
- To avoid odor and fruit flies, you can empty food scraps into the yard waste cart daily
 - wrap food scraps in newspaper or collect them in green compostable kitchen bags
 - rinse kitchen container frequently
 - line kitchen container with a used paper bag or towel
 - sprinkle baking soda in kitchen container
 - layer shredded paper, food scraps and yard waste in your cart
- For more help with odors or flies, call King County Solid Waste Division at **206-296-4466**.

Food scraps must be placed in the curbside yard waste cart provided by your garbage service provider.

Collection Schedule

Check with your garbage service provider for a schedule of curbside yard waste pickups. Visit King County's web site at www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd for information about your garbage service provider.

If You Have Extra Yard Waste

Put extra yard waste (**no food scraps**) that doesn't fit in the cart in any of these:

- Reusable polywoven bags
- Bundles (limit 4'x2'). Tie with fiber twine. **No wire, nylon or plastic cord.**
- Paper yard waste bags
- Cans with handles and lids (32 gal, 65 lb limit).
- Label cans "yard waste."
- Fill loosely.

No plastic bags.



Where Does Yard Waste Go?

Yard and food waste is processed into compost and sold at home and garden stores. Visit www.cedar-grove.com for more information.



Natural Yard Care Advice

Contact The Garden Hotline for advice about how to use compost and other natural yard care products at 206-633-0224 or help@gardenhotline.org.



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Food Scrap Recycling

Yard waste customers can put food scraps in the yard cart at no extra cost!

Food scraps and food-soiled paper make up more than 30% of residential garbage!

You can recycle fruit, vegetables, meat, bones and dairy scraps, and food-soiled paper with your yard trimmings in the yard waste cart provided by your garbage service provider



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Not a Yard Waste Customer?

Subscribe to curbside yard waste service:
Contact your garbage service provider. Visit our web site for information about the provider in your community.

www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd

Yard and Food Scrap Recycling



YES!

Yard Waste

Grass and leaves

Weeds

Plant Trimmings

Houseplants

Branches

(under 4' long, 4" diam.)

Food Scraps

Meat, fish, poultry, bones

Dairy products (yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.)

Fruit and vegetable scraps

Bread, pasta and grains

Eggshells, nutshells

Coffee grounds and filters

Leftovers

Tea leaves and bags

Food-Soiled Paper

Greasy pizza delivery boxes

Coffee filters with coffee grounds

Paper towels and napkins

Uncoated paper food wrap

Uncoated paper food bags

Paper grocery bags containing food scraps

Paper egg cartons

Paper berry cartons

Uncoated food soiled paper

When in doubt throw it out.

does not have a shiny surface.

Contamination increases the cost of recycling.

NO!

Absolutely no plastic

No plastic-coated cartons (milk, ice cream, etc)

No plastic-coated paper or cups

No plastic bags

No plastic food wrap

No plastic food containers

No Styrofoam food containers

No plastic-coated food take-out containers

Grease or liquids

Pet waste

Diapers

Soil, rocks

Stumps

Branches over 4'x 4"

Lumber or fencing

Metal, glass

Hazardous waste

This material available in alternate formats and other languages from King County Solid Waste Division at 206-296-4466, 1-800-325-6165, ext. 6-4466, TTY Relay: 711, www.recyclefood.com